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**NATIONAL EGG REVIEW**

Prices began the week unchanged in all areas. As the week progressed, prices in New York were lower while the remaining locations were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak on the larger sizes and barely steady on mediums and smalls. Demand into all outlets was slow to instances fairly good, best where retail features were a factor. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Prices for breaking stock, as well as checks and undergrades remained unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate for heavy breaking stock and adequate to fully adequate for lighter weight shell eggs. Heavy weight breaking stock was being purchased at the high side of the current quoted range with lighter weights readily discounted. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules for next week were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady with caution noted. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances tight with a fair to fairly good demand, best into rendering operations. Schedules for next week were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were .5-5.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 4 cents lower for large. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail egg sales were light to at times fairly good where feature activity was a driving factor. Loose egg movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of heavy weight breaking stock was adequate while the lighter weight product was adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	47-56	49-52

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. Trade sentiment was weak on the larger sizes and barely steady for mediums. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were about sufficient to sufficient for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-100	86-89
LARGE	80-94	85-89
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**COMBINED REGIONAL**

Dec 30, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	87.50	87.00	59.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	58.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	91.50	89.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.89	86.24	56.25

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-03-06	12-27-05	01-04-05
Large	58-67	58-67	25-33
Medium	29-35	29-35	6-11

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 03, 2006**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	14.8	8.0	15.9	8.4	55.9
	Change	0.6	2.1	0.9	2.5	-2.8	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.4	55.1	16.2	23.2	35.5	150.4
	Change	2.2	13.8	6.0	1.8	6.9	26%
Large	Curr Wk	27.9	126.2	67.0	82.8	98.0	401.9
	Change	-1.4	12.2	9.5	-2.2	22.5	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	65.4	10.2	18.7	32.1	139.8
	Change	0.3	6.2	-3.0	3.3	3.9	8%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	14.0	0.7	1.8	5.2	27.8
	Change	1.9	2.0	0.0	-2.1	3.1	21%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	33.3	11.3	13.6	5.3	66.7
	Change	0.0	2.9	0.5	0.7	-0.5	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.5	49.8	28.2	27.8	29.4	150.7
	Change	5.6	10.9	0.8	0.1	4.2	17%
Total	Curr Wk	95.3	358.6	141.6	183.8	213.9	993.2
	Percent Change	11%	16%	12%	2%	21%	13%

**TOTAL**

Number of Cases    Percent Change    Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	993.2	13%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	225.3	12%	35
Total Shell Egg	1218.5	13%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 31-DEC-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,126,461	28,790	9,812	5,157	2,344	3,809
PW	1,152,875	29,972	9,586	5,006	2,559	3,939
LY	1,177,639	27,183	12,035	6,606	3,155	4,256
% Chg PWK	-2%	-4%	2%	3%	-8%	-3%
% Chg LY	-4%	6%	-18%	-22%	-26%	-10%
2005	67,703,058	1,620,182	646,254	346,243	147,988	228,839
2004	64,354,489	1,531,122	619,452	335,443	138,108	221,903
% Chg YTD	5%	6%	4%	3%	7%	3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.23	42.07	42.53
(Inedible Excluded)	38.85	38.65	38.91

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	528,650	46.9%	15,043	52.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	508,501	44.1%	15,465	51.6%
LAST YEAR	513,552	43.6%	12,988	47.8%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	DEC 24	DEC 31	DEC 24	DEC 31
	Thousand			
AL	*31,311	31,112	*21,411	21,178
AR	31,406	31,300	*24,802	24,881
DE	4,068	3,964	5,738	5,619
FL	1,358	1,373	1,593	1,562
GA	*33,881	34,522	*27,293	26,660
KY	*7,022	7,032	*5,771	5,601
LA	4,136	4,136	4,252	3,563
MD	9,013	8,963	5,912	5,512
MS	18,492	18,659	16,668	16,663
NC	18,841	18,768	15,407	15,061
OK	6,621	6,511	5,071	5,165
PA	*3,812	3,978	*2,781	3,057
SC	4,945	5,146	4,732	4,708
TX	15,157	15,200	12,795	12,924
VA	6,373	6,390	*6,082	5,160
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,812	17,468	*15,619	16,397

19 State Total	*213,248	214,522	*175,927	173,711
Previous Year Total	209,901	208,842	171,547	172,249
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	103	101

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Feb-06 is estimated at 160.6 million head. This compares to 161.5 million head the previous week and to 162.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.37 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/29/05-01/04/06

CURRENT LDS 83.50 FUTURE LDS 30.00 TOTAL LDS 113.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	62.25	—	63.00	65.40	58.00	—	14.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	30.00	24.00	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	87.00	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	82.00	74.50	75.98	50.84	58.00	43.25
GL W LG	—	79.75	72.00	75.67	54.14	72.55	19.75
GL W MD	52.00	49.00	46.17	48.00	31.57	31.45	30.00
GL W SM	38.00	39.00	37.00	39.00	27.00	32.50	4.50
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	37.00	18.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-DEC-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
Atlanta	36.1	38.9	-7 34
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3 -9
Chicago	72.6	106.8	-32 1
Detroit	26.5	34.7	-24 -6
Kansas City	3.8	5.1	-25 23
Los Angeles	108.8	122.0	-11 16
New Orleans	6.6	6.3	5 -8
New York	29.7	37.0	-20 3
St. Louis	19.1	18.5	3 -11
San Francisco	18.9	21.6	-13 -18
Total	325.2	394.1	-17 6
4 Week Moving Avg.	368.4		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 31-DEC-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Avg Wt	16.14	39.24	23.77	0.00	29.80
Last week	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Same wk yr ago	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
To-date/2005	94,953	132,936	1,243	211	229,343
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 31-DEC-05					
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	468 -23	26.38	(A)	468	26.38
South Atlantic	332 -22	34.79	(A)	332	34.79
North Central	1,592 -2	34.23	(A)	1,592	34.23
South Central	547 7	18.77	(A)	547	18.77
West	198 -33	24.25	(A)	198	24.25
U.S. total	3,137(B) -10	29.80	0	3,137	29.80
To-date					
2005	229,132(B)		211	229,343	
To-date					
2004	223,747(B)		364	224,111	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 1,243,000; for last year to date 2,569,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 31-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	142,014	984	1,173	2,157	515
Avg Wt	5.35	3.31	7.90	5.81	6.85
Last week	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769	468
Same wk yr ago	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632	451
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61	6.76
To-date/2005	8,343,294	73,492	73,316	146,808	25,957
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367	24,515

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 143.7 million head, or 10.9 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Jan-06

CLASS	Current Week 01/07/06(1)	Previous Week 12/31/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	165,513(2)	142,201
Light hens	1,283	1,068
Heavy hens	1,370	1,174
Total	168,166	144,443

(1)ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Jan-06 is 155.4 million head compared to 162.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.8 million head or 10.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-Jan-06 the estimated available is 154.6 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
Week ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
November	26 128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
December	3 166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
	10 163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17 166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
	24 153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
	31 143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
Year to date	8444.4	8497.5	99%	
January	7 156.5			
	14 160.4			

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 02-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.09	37 :	57.53	72
Los Angeles	78.00	75.77	52 :	70.26	144
New York	55.00-58.00	57.08	25 :	59.32	55

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from 02-JAN-2006	26-DEC-2005	26-DEC-2005	03-JAN-2005
	63.33	1.00	62.33	69.98
NUMBER OF LOADS	593			

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 01/02/06	3,410	31,772	67,392
AM 12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG	35	-1420	-7703
PCT CHG	1%	-4%	-10%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	192 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	782 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 02-JAN-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.08
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.20

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

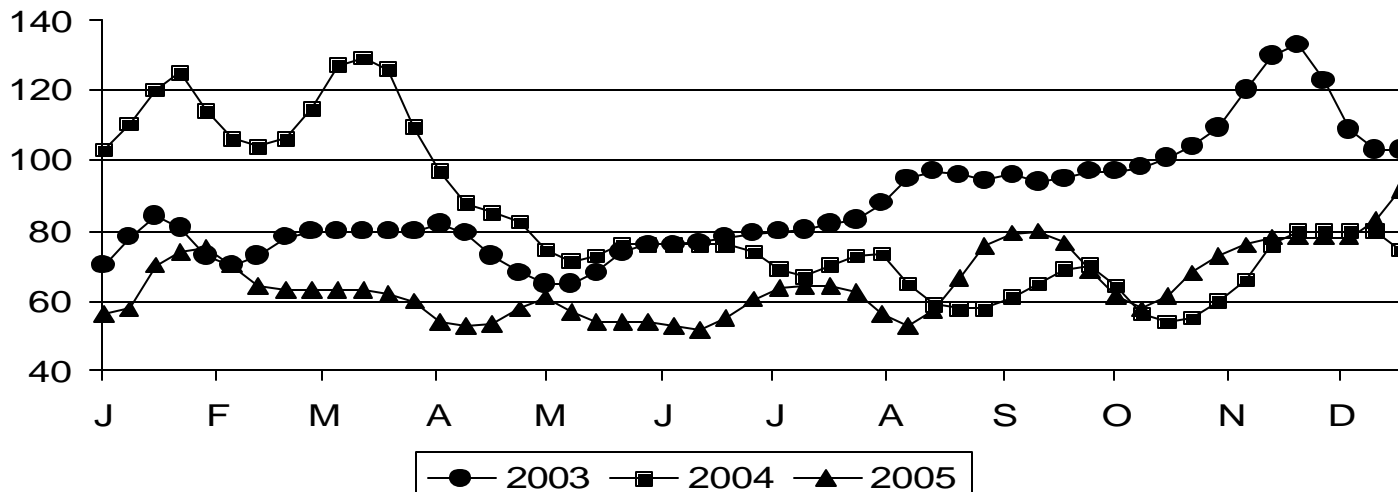
30-DEC-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	3-11 7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	.5-5.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

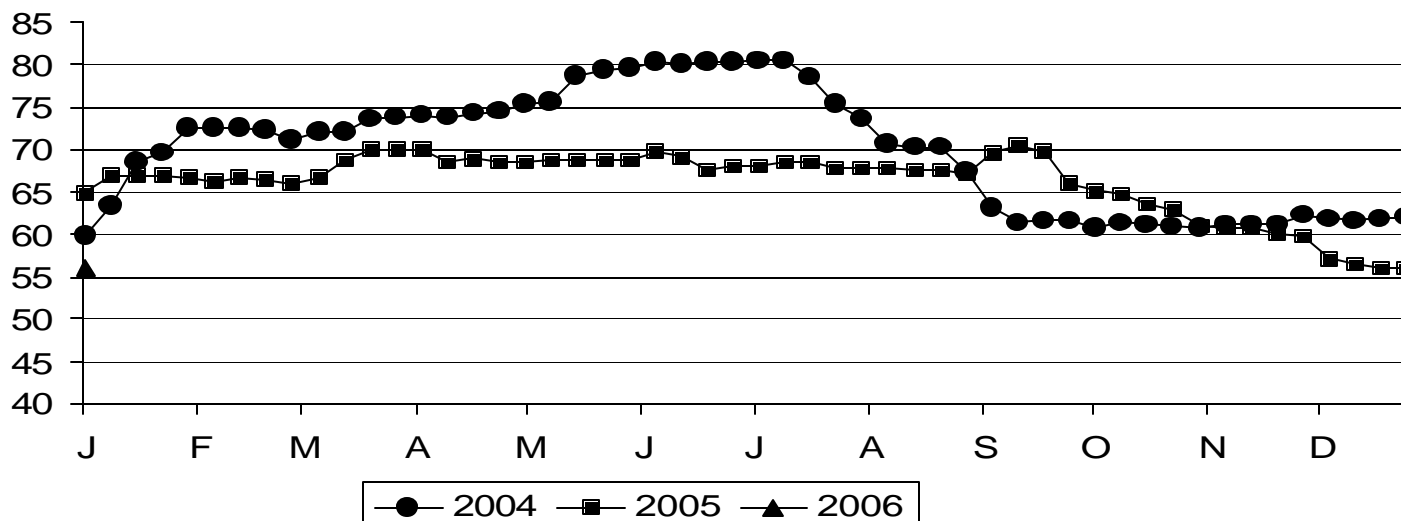
W/E 31-Dec-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	150.9	-33	-27
East North Central	631.0	0	-2
West North Central	307.4	6	-4
South Atlantic	208.2	-3	-4
South Central	64.3	-9	-8
West	201.0	-8	-3
Total	1546.1	-5	-6
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

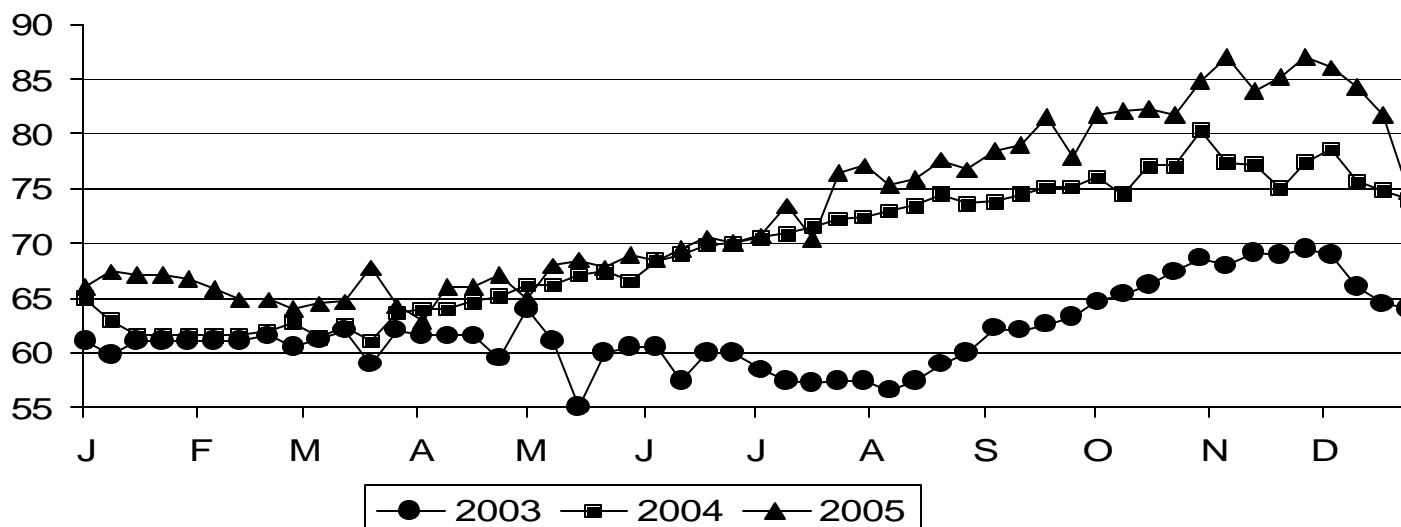
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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